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Letter dated 31 August 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you a press release issued by the Government of the Republic of Burundi concerning the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 10.

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Annex

Press release issued on 28 August 1998 by the Government of Burundi

True to its principle of good-neighbourliness, the Government of the Republic of Burundi hopes to see the crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo resolved in the interest of the Congolese people. Should the conflict taking place in that great country persist, the adverse consequences of that situation would affect all the countries bordering the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The cessation of hostilities and violence ought to afford an indispensable basis for finding a solution that is satisfactory to all concerned.

There have been calls for a political dialogue. The Government of the Republic of Burundi endorses this view and desires to see peace and security return to the Democratic Republic of the Congo as quickly as possible. Burundi is fully prepared to make its contribution to peace, should it be asked to do so.

The peoples of our subregion are facing highly complex problems, particularly those having to do with development.

The lack of security and the violence are keeping our people in poverty even as regional integration and globalization are taking place.

The most fervent wish of the Government of the Republic of Burundi is that all areas of tension might be extinguished in the region so that the leaders and peoples concerned can tackle the huge challenges facing them.